

Wisconsin Medicaid / BadgerCare for Hurricane Katrina Evacuees

Wisconsin Medicaid/BadgerCare is a state/federal assistance program that helps certain needy and low-income people pay their medical bills.

Wisconsin Medicaid/BadgerCare covers many health care services. However, there are limitations that apply to ensure that only medically necessary services are provided. Some services require a prescription. Check with your health care provider for more information.

You may qualify for Wisconsin Medicaid/BadgerCare if you are a citizen of the United States or a qualifying immigrant and meet certain financial eligibility requirements in one of the following categories:

- Age 65 or older.
- Blind or disabled.
- Under age 19.
- Pregnant.
- A relative taking care of a minor.

When you apply for Wisconsin Medicaid/BadgerCare you will need to provide certain information.

For **EACH PERSON** applying for Medicaid/BadgerCare, the following information must be provided at the time of application:

1. Social Security Number (SSN).*
2. Date of birth.
3. Marital status.
4. Household member's relationship to applicant.
5. Residence (street address, city if you have one).
6. Citizenship or alien/immigration status.
7. Employment (employer's name, street address and city).
8. Income (wages and whether income is annual, monthly or weekly).
9. Other health insurance coverage (name of insurance company, policy number and who is covered under policy).

Note: The Medicaid requirement to prove or verify your information has been temporarily suspended for Hurricane Katrina Evacuees.

If there is anyone in the household who is not applying for Medicaid/BadgerCare, you need to provide each person's name and relationship to others in the home.

If you want to apply for Medicaid/BadgerCare benefits, contact your local county/tribal, social or human services agency. If you want to see if you might be able to get Medicaid/BadgerCare benefits, visit ACCESS at access.wisconsin.gov.

* Providing or applying for a Social Security Number (SSN) is voluntary; however, any person who wants Wisconsin Medicaid/BadgerCare but does not provide an SSN or apply for one will not be eligible for benefits. SSN's and personally identifiable information will be used only for the direct administration of the Medicaid/BadgerCare Program.

FoodShare Wisconsin for Hurricane Katrina Evacuees

FoodShare Benefits Help People With Low Income Buy Food

FoodShare benefits come on a plastic card called the Wisconsin QUEST card that you use just like a credit or bank debit card to purchase food. Most stores that sell food accept this card.

There is no asset limit for FoodShare Wisconsin.

To be Eligible to Receive FoodShare Benefits You Must:

- File an application
- Interview with a FoodShare worker
- Meet basic program rules
- Meet income limits

Note: The FoodShare requirement to prove or verify your information has been temporarily suspended for Hurricane Katrina Evacuees.

What You Can Buy With FoodShare Benefits:

FoodShare benefits can be used to buy:

- Breads and cereals,
- Fruits and vegetables,
- Meats, fish, and poultry,
- Dairy products, and
- Plants and seeds to grow food for your household to eat.

FoodShare benefits cannot be used to buy:

- Nonfood items including pet foods, soaps, paper products, and household supplies, grooming items, toothpaste, and cosmetics,
- Alcoholic beverages and tobacco,
- Vitamins and medicines,
- Any food that will be eaten in the store, or
- Hot foods.

To get FoodShare benefits, apply at your local county/tribal, social or human services agency. To find the agency in your county, contact Recipient Services at 1-800-362-3002 or check our web site at <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid1/contacts/index.htm>. If you want to see if you might be able to get FoodShare benefits, visit ACCESS at access.wisconsin.gov.